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1. COMMISSION PRESIDENT AGUILAR, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARLES MOYER AND OSCAR MARIA GARIBALDI, SPENT HOUR AND A HALF WITH PRESIDENT DUVALIER AUGUST 18. HAITIAN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF MEETING STRESSED THAT COMMISSION'S PRESENCE IN HAITI DEMONSTRATES DUVALIER'S COMMITMENT TO LIBERALIZATION AND DEMOCRATIZATION.

2. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS AND VISIT IN PORT AU PRINCE, COMMISSION JOURNEYED TO CAP HAITIEN AND JACMEL FOR FIRST-HAND OBSERVATION AND TALKS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS AND OTHERS. COMMISSION'S OFFICIAL CONTACTS AND VISITS ARE BEING FULLY REPORTED IN HAITIAN PRESS, WHICH IS ALSO CARRYING CONSIDERABLE - AND FOR THE MOST PART OBJECTIVE - REPORTAGE ON U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY.

3. NOT MUCH INFORMATION IS YET AVAILABLE ON THE COMMISSION'S CONTACTS WITH CRITICS OF THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMISSION HAS BEGUN TO TAKE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INITIATIVE IN SEEKING SUCH CONTACTS. THE COMMISSION HAS IMPRESSED SOME HAITIAN OBSERVERS AS BEING VERY WELL BRIEFED ON HAITI AND THEREFORE NOT LIKELY TO TAKE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AT FACE VALUE OR TO BE OVERLY IMPRESSED BY NEWLY PAINTED OR VACATED PRISON CELLS. COMMISSION'S SLOWNESS IN TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO CONTACT HAITIANS WHO WISH TO AIR GRIEVANCES OR CRITICISMS,

HOWEVER, MAY LIMIT COMMISSION'S EXPOSURE SOMEWHAT.

4. IAHRC HAS MAINTAINED A RIGOROUSLY CORRECT DISTANCE
FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY.

5. COMMISSION PRESIDENT AGUILAR DEPARTED HAITI AUGUST
21; REMAINING COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF ARE TO CON-
TINUE THEIR WORK HERE UNTIL AUGUST 25.
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